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MAJORITY
HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 789, L.D. 1184, "An Act to Require Municipal Reporting on Residential Building Permits, Dwelling Units Permitted and Demolished and Certificates of Occupancy Issued"

Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13056-J, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. The department shall assist a municipality with 4,000 or more residents in meeting the requirements of subsection 5. The assistance must include reimbursement of 90% of actual expenses incurred by a municipality if collection or reporting of data as required by subsection 5 is a modification or expansion of municipal activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "A" and inserting the following: 'By January 31st of each year, a'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "municipality" the following: 'with 4,000 or more residents'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Reimbursement - Municipal Housing Data Reporting N533

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to reimburse municipalities with 4,000 or more residents for 90% of the cost of preparing an annual report on certain housing data, including data on residential building permits, dwelling units permitted and demolished, certificates of occupancy or other approvals of housing units issued, as well as certain affordability data.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

2025-26

\$405,000

2026-27

\$405,000

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$405,000</u>	<u>\$405,000</u>
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Reimbursement - Municipal Housing Data Reporting N533

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to reimburse municipalities with 4,000 or more residents for 90% of the costs for system updates in order to provide the required information on certain housing data, including data on residential building permits, dwelling units permitted and demolished, certificates of occupancy or other approvals of housing units issued, as well as certain affordability data.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$202,500	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$202,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$607,500	\$405,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$607,500</u>	<u>\$405,000</u>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, sets a due date of January 31st of each year for the report required in the bill. It limits the report requirement to municipalities with 4,000 residents or more. It requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to reimburse 90% of the actual costs to collect and report the data as required in the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1184****LR 2247(02)****An Act to Require Municipal Reporting on Residential Building Permits, Dwelling Units Permitted and Demolished and Certificates of Occupancy Issued**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-383)
Committee: Housing and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$607,500	\$405,000	\$405,000	\$405,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$607,500	\$405,000	\$405,000	\$405,000

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires municipalities to provide annual reports on certain housing data to the Department of Economic and Community Development for use in administering the Housing Opportunity Program, including data on residential building permits, dwelling units permitted and demolished and certificates of occupancy or other approvals of housing units issued and certain affordability data.	Municipality	\$607,500

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$607,500 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$405,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of Economic and Community Development to reimburse municipalities for 90% of the cost of preparing an annual report on certain housing data.